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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ENCOURAGING THE HAWAII COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO PRIORITIZE INVESTMENT IN PUBLIC FACILITIES WITHIN TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT ZONES AND THE KALAELOA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT IN ANY OF ITS STATEWIDE PLANNING FUNCTIONS OR INVOLVEMENT THEREIN.

WHEREAS, transit-oriented development is a powerful tool that can deliver a wide range of social, environmental, and economic benefits throughout a transit-oriented development zone, within a certain radius of a transit station; and

WHEREAS, transit-oriented development promotes development patterns that support quality of life, preserve the natural environment, provide a range of housing choices for residents, and encourage a healthy lifestyle; and

WHEREAS, the construction and installation of certain public facilities are necessary to facilitate the renewal and redevelopment of areas proximate to proposed transit stations; and

WHEREAS, the State plays an important role in overcoming barriers to transit-oriented development by encouraging necessary investments in regional public facilities, such as roads, sewers, and storm water management systems; and

WHEREAS, the lack of coordination and financing of infrastructure improvements, including public facilities, in planned growth areas, including transit-oriented development zones, is a major impediment to realizing the potential of transit-oriented development in meeting housing demands and creating vibrant and sustainable mixed-use communities; and

WHEREAS, the Kalaeloa community development district has critical infrastructure needs, such as aging infrastructure,

vacant and deteriorating buildings, landscape overgrowth, vandalism, dumping, copper theft, and homelessness issues; and

WHEREAS, the State must take a more proactive role in investing in critical infrastructure necessary to overcome barriers to transit-oriented development and to development of the Kalaeloa community development district; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2019, the House of Representatives concurring, that the Hawaii Community Development Authority is encouraged to prioritize investment in public facilities within transit-oriented development zones and the Kalaeloa community development district in any of its statewide planning functions or involvement therein; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Executive Director of the Hawaii Community Development Authority.